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PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

The Amazing SPIDER-MAN

CHAMELEON CONSPIRACY Part 2

Peter Parker's old friend Betty Brant has returned to NYC, surprising Peter with the news that she is pregnant--and that the father is Ned Leeds! Peter thought Ned was dead, but it turns out Ned is alive and well.

Meanwhile, Peter's classmate Jamie enlisted Peter to help create the Clairvoyat, a machine that can view possible futures. While Peter was dealing with other things, Jamie was using the Clairvoyant to help his ailing mother but instead racked up debts with super casino boss Chance. Chance and his partner, the Foreigner, have come to collect the Clairvoyant. However, Jamie has run out of juice to power the device, and the only thing left that might be able to power it is the heavily guarded machine known as the Catalyst...

Lastly, Peter's superspy sister, Teresa Parker, broke into a Symkarian prison seeking revenge on the Chameleon, who killed her boyfriend/fellow spy, David. But before she could finish the job, the Chameleon tempted her with information about her parents--and introduced her to the man who killed them: the Finisher!

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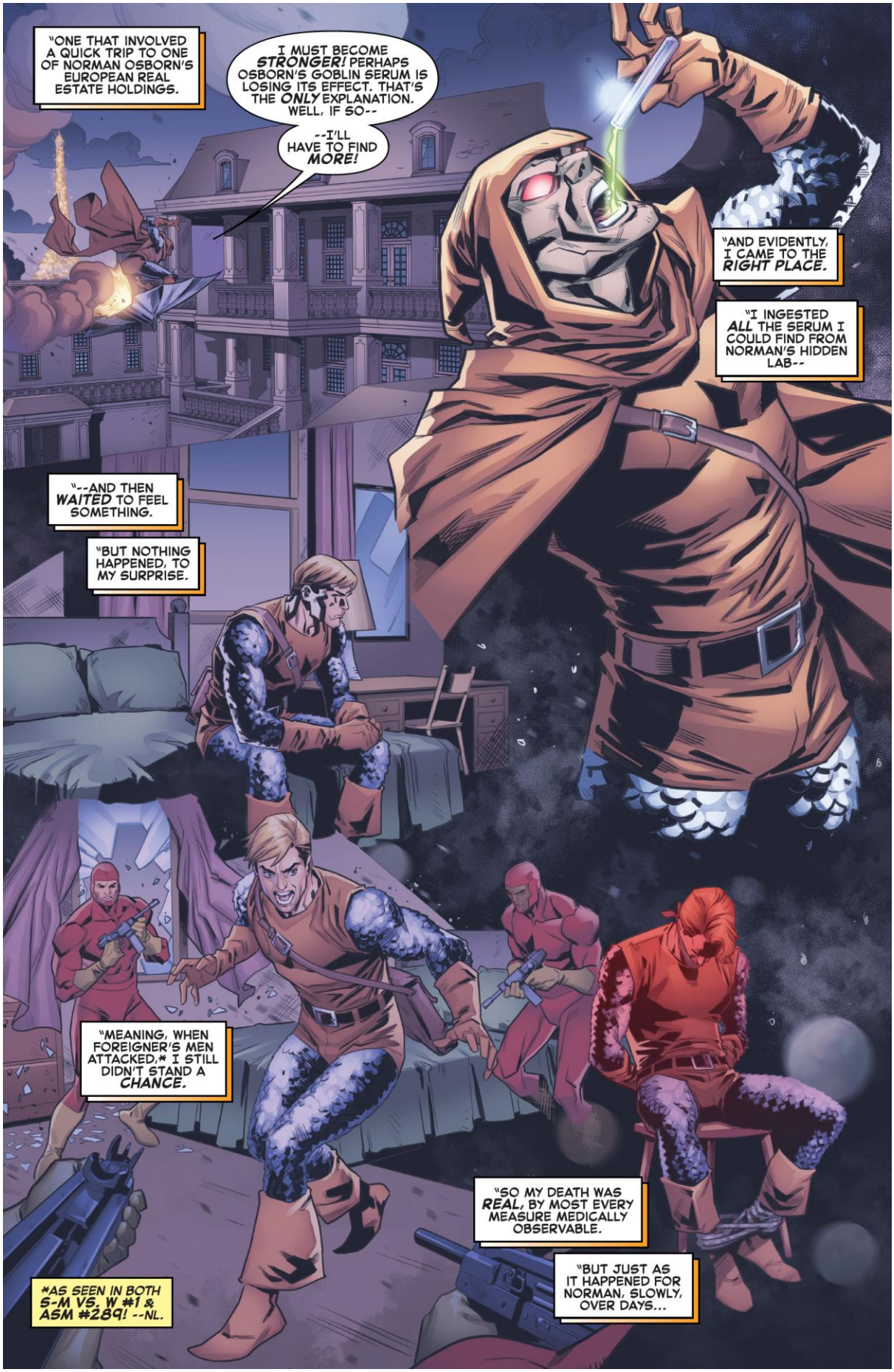
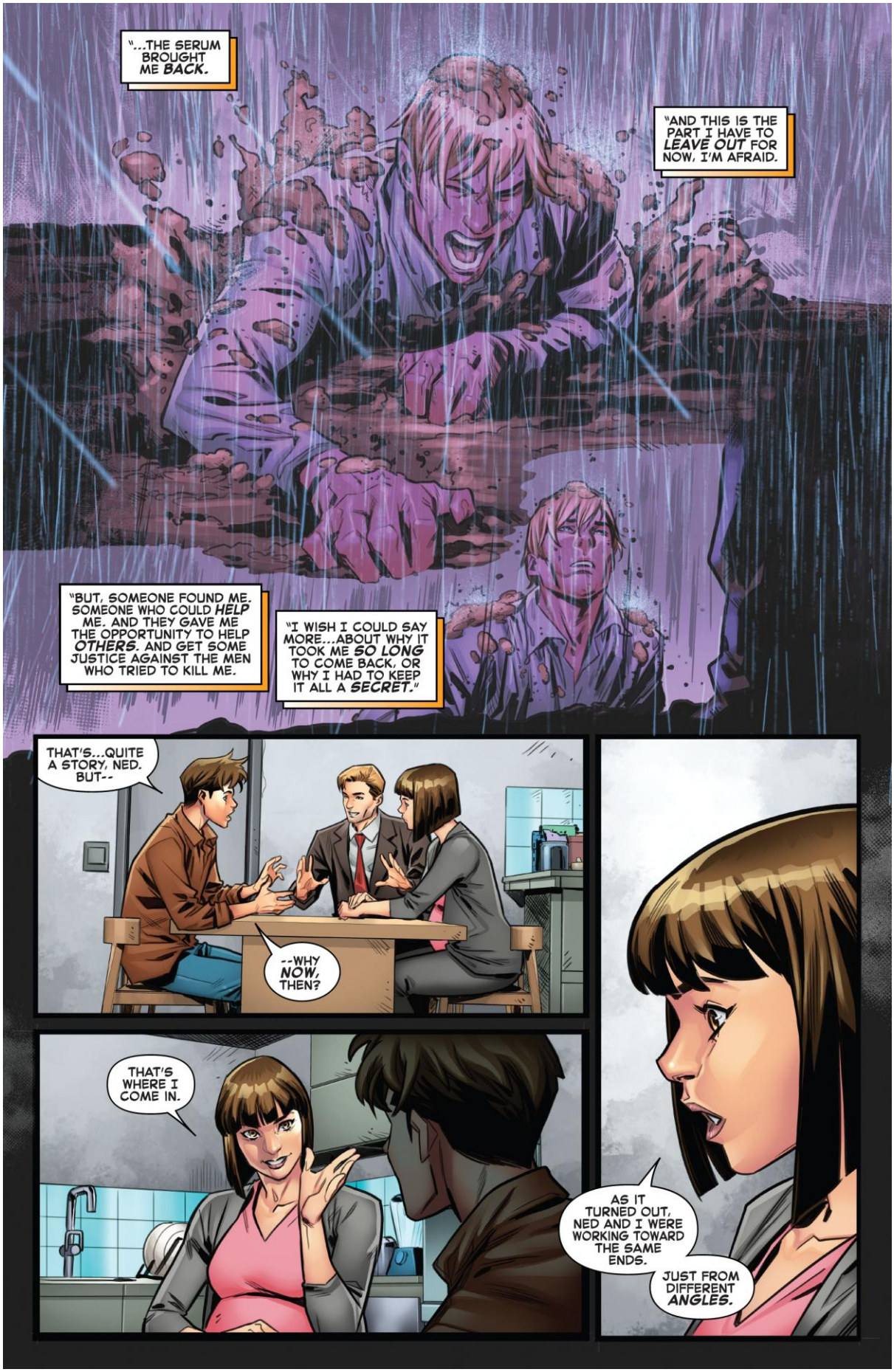
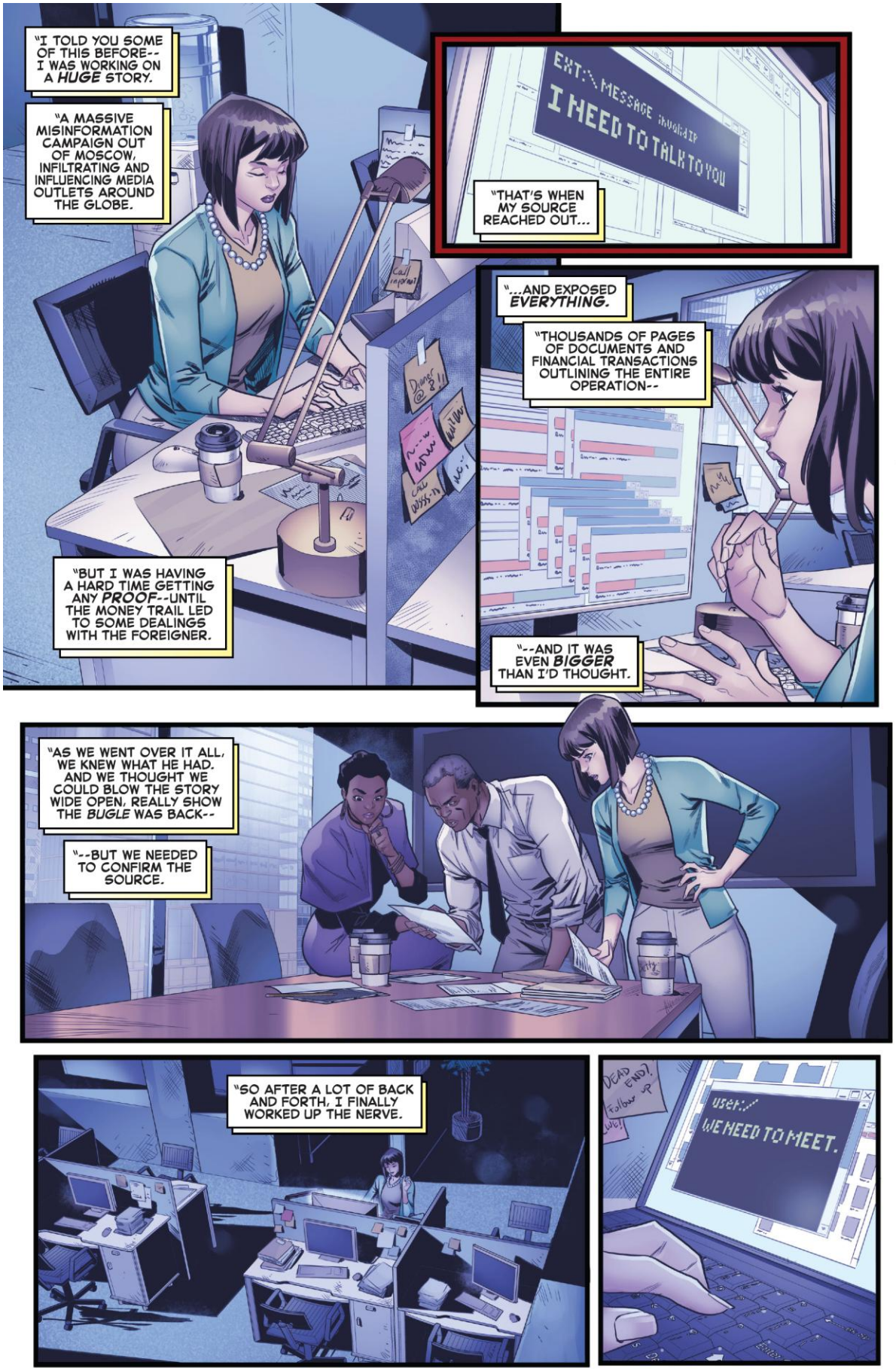
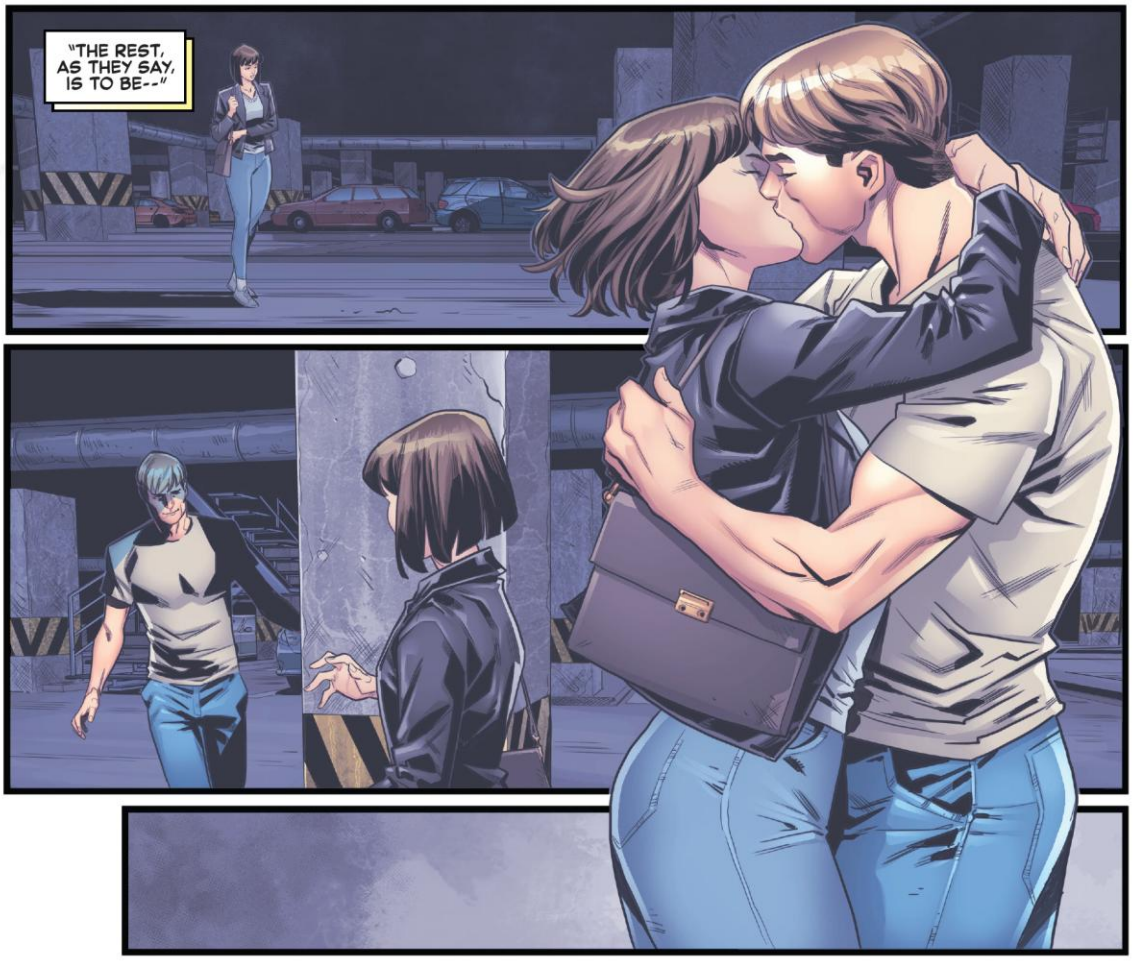
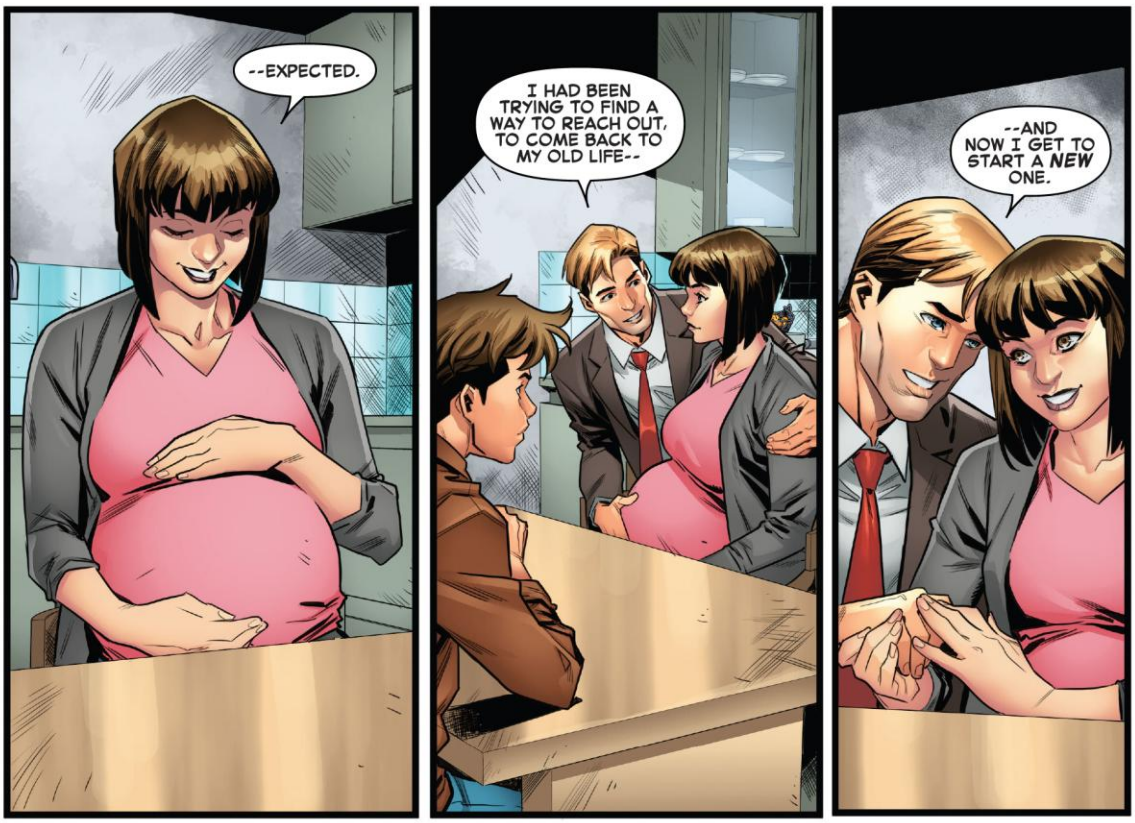
"I WAS THE HOBGOBLIN!
"OR RATHER-- I BELIEVED I WAS THE HOBGOBLIN.
"BRAINWASHED BY THE REAL ARTICLE, RODERICK KINGSLEY.*
*CHECK OUT HOBGOBLIN LIVES FOR THE FULL STORY! --NL.
"BUT IT TURNS OUT KINGSLEY DID HIS JOB A LITTLE TOO WELL.
"FIRST, THE STRESS AND STRAIN OF HIS CONTROL SENT ME DOWN A DESTRUCTIVE EMOTIONAL SPIRAL...
"...WHICH EVENTUALLY CAME TO BLOWS WITH FLASH THOMPSON.*
*ASM #275! --NL.
"MY BROKEN MIND COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW A NORMAL HUMAN MAN LIKE FLASH COULD STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THE HOBGOBLIN.
"SO WHILE YOU AND I HEADED TO GERMANY*-- AT THE SAME TIME KINGSLEY WAS FRAMING ME AND PLANNING MY EXECUTION--I CONCOCTED A PLAN OF MY OWN...
*SPIDER-MAN VS. WOLVERINE #1 --NL.


"ONE THAT INVOLVED A QUICK TRIP TO ONE OF NORMAN OSBORN'S EUROPEAN REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS.
I MUST BECOME *STRONGER!* PERHAPS OSBORN'S GOBLIN SERUM IS LOSING ITS EFFECT. THAT'S THE *ONLY* EXPLANATION. WELL, IF SO--
--I'LL HAVE TO FIND *MORE!*
"AND EVIDENTLY, I CAME TO THE *RIGHT PLACE.*
"I INGESTED *ALL* THE SERUM I COULD FIND FROM NORMAN'S HIDDEN LAB--
"--AND THEN *WAITED* TO FEEL SOMETHING.
"BUT NOTHING HAPPENED, TO MY SURPRISE.
"MEANING, WHEN FOREIGNER'S MEN ATTACKED,* I STILL DIDN'T STAND A *CHANCE.*
"SO MY DEATH WAS *REAL,* BY MOST EVERY MEASURE MEDICALLY OBSERVABLE.
"BUT JUST AS IT HAPPENED FOR NORMAN, SLOWLY, OVER DAYS...
*AS SEEN IN BOTH S-M VS. W #1 & ASM #289! --NL.


"...THE SERUM BROUGHT ME BACK.
"AND THIS IS THE PART I HAVE TO LEAVE OUT FOR NOW, I'M AFRAID.
"BUT, SOMEONE FOUND ME. SOMEONE WHO COULD HELP ME. AND THEY GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OTHERS. AND GET SOME JUSTICE AGAINST THE MEN WHO TRIED TO KILL ME.
"I WISH I COULD SAY MORE...ABOUT WHY IT TOOK ME SO LONG TO COME BACK, OR WHY I HAD TO KEEP IT ALL A SECRET."
THAT'S...QUITE A STORY, NED. BUT--
--WHY NOW, THEN?
THAT'S WHERE I COME IN.
AS IT TURNED OUT, NED AND I WERE WORKING TOWARD THE SAME ENDS.
JUST FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES.


"I TOLD YOU SOME OF THIS BEFORE-- I WAS WORKING ON A *HUGE* STORY.
"A MASSIVE MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN OUT OF MOSCOW, INFILTRATING AND INFLUENCING MEDIA OUTLETS AROUND THE GLOBE.
"BUT I WAS HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING ANY *PROOF*--UNTIL THE MONEY TRAIL LED TO SOME DEALINGS WITH THE FOREIGNER.
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU
"THAT'S WHEN MY SOURCE REACHED OUT...
"...AND EXPOSED *EVERYTHING.*
"THOUSANDS OF PAGES OF DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OUTLINING THE ENTIRE OPERATION--
"--AND IT WAS EVEN *BIGGER* THAN I'D THOUGHT.
"AS WE WENT OVER IT ALL, WE KNEW WHAT HE HAD. AND WE THOUGHT WE COULD BLOW THE STORY WIDE OPEN, REALLY SHOW THE *BUGLE* WAS BACK--
"--BUT WE NEEDED TO CONFIRM THE SOURCE.
"SO AFTER A LOT OF BACK AND FORTH, I FINALLY WORKED UP THE NERVE.
WE NEED TO MEET.


"THE REST, AS THEY SAY, IS TO BE--"


--EXPECTED.
I HAD BEEN TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO REACH OUT, TO COME BACK TO MY OLD LIFE--
--AND NOW I GET TO START A NEW ONE.

I'M SO HAPPY-- FOR BOTH OF YOU-- REALLY. BUT I DON'T GET WHAT I HAVE TO DO WITH ANY OF THIS. YOU SAID YOU NEEDED MY HELP.
WE NEED YOUR SCIENCE BRAIN.
WE INTERCEPTED SOME INFORMATION-- SOMETHING THE FOREIGNER IS WORKING ON--
--APPARENTLY WITH SOMEONE WITH CONNECTIONS TO EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY. SOMEONE BY THE NAME OF JAMIE TOLENTINO BUILT A DEVICE CALLED...
...THE CLAIRVOYANT.
JAMIE!
NED--BETTY-- I'M REALLY SORRY. I--I HAVE TO GO!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO BELIEVE.
NED BEING BACK LIKE THIS--I GUESS IT'S POSSIBLE, BUT...IT ALL SEEMS A LITTLE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.
AND RIGHT NOW, I DON'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO FIGURE IT OUT--
--SINCE JAMIE IS IN BIG TROUBLE!
THIS'LL BE NO TROUBLE AT ALL, KID--YOU JUST DO AS WE TELL YOU, WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF THERE--
--AND THE CATALYST WILL BE OURS.

HURRY UP.
IF YOU'VE GOT ANSWERS, CHAMELEON--
--I'D START TALKING.
OH, TERESA... I'M NOT THE ONE YOU SHOULD BE ASKING QUESTIONS.
BUT THE PERSON BEHIND THAT DOOR MOST CERTAINLY IS.
EVERYTHING BOTH OF US HAVE DONE, OUR ENTIRE LIVES, WAS LEADING TO THIS MOMENT. THIS REUNION.
IT'S WHY I ASKED YOUR DEARLY DEPARTED DAVID WHERE THE HIDING PLACE WAS.
AND WHY YOU HAD ME PLACED HERE ONCE I WAS CAPTURED.
YOU WANT ANSWERS ABOUT PARENTS, TERESA. WHO BETTER TO GIVE THEM...

...THAN THE MAN WHO KILLED THEM. MEET KARL FIERS--
--THE FINISHER.

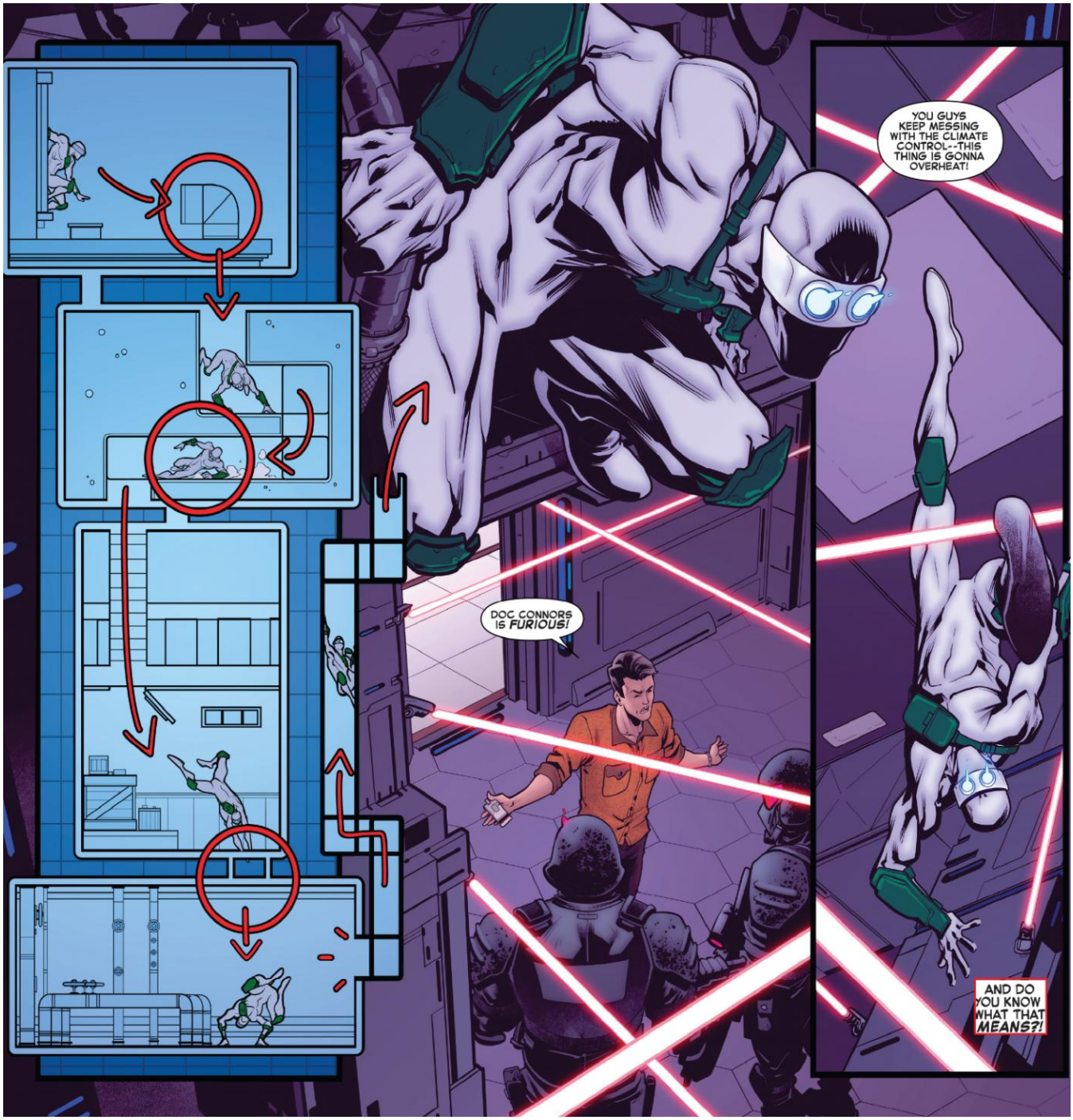
TERESA PARKER. IT'S BEEN FAR TOO LONG.
THE FINISHER.
THE MAN WHO KILLED MY PARENTS.*
FRAMED THEM AS DOUBLE AGENTS FOR RED SKULL.
*AS WE LEARNED BACK IN ASM ANNUAL #5! --NEBBISH NICK.
TAKING NOT ONLY THEIR LIVES, BUT THEIR DIGNITY.
FROM THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES, GIRL, I CAN SEE THAT I NEEDED NO INTRODUCTION.
BLAM
BLAM BLAM

HAHAHA!
IS THAT HOW YOU SAY HELLO TO *EVERYONE?*
PUT AWAY YOUR WEAPON, GIRL. NO ONE IS DYING HERE TODAY.
I ASKED THE CHAMELEON TO BRING YOU HERE SO WE COULD *TALK.*
ABOUT WHAT I CAN OFFER YOU...
...AND WHAT *YOU* CAN DO FOR *ME.*
SURPRISES--

--SOMETIMES THEY GET THE BEST OF US.
OTTO...
POOR, POOR OTTO...
I'M SORRY IT HAD TO BE THIS WAY, BUT WE ALL KNOW YOUR TEMPER IS--
SHOW YOURSELF, YOU COWARDLY CRETIN!
CASE IN POINT.
IF YOU TRULY WANT TO EXPERIENCE MY ANGER, OPEN THAT DOOR. I'LL--
AAAGGHH!
SORRY, DOC. THAT THING CRAWLING AROUND IN YOUR BRAIN DOESN'T LIKE WHEN YOU TALK TO ME LIKE THAT. AND FRANKLY--
--NEITHER DO I. ESPECIALLY WHEN I'M TRYING TO DO YOU A FAVOR.
WHAT DO YOU WANT, THEN?!
THE SAME THING YOU WANT--

--TO LEARN THE TRUTH.
YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER, DO YOU?
ALL THOSE MEMORIES. STOLEN FROM YOU.
FORCING YOU BACK TO WHO YOU USED TO BE.
IT'S SENT YOU SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW.
BUT I CAN EXPLAIN IT ALL. YOU SEE--
--YOU MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL, OTTO.
AND SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE, THAT DOESN'T WORK OUT WELL FOR ANYONE.
BUT I CAN HELP YOU FIX IT.

I TOLD YOU WHEN YOU HIRED ME, FOREIGNER. I DON'T NEED SOME CIVILIAN GETTING IN THE WAY--
IN THE WAY? HE'S GONNA NEED ALL THE HELP HE CAN GET.
"EVER SINCE THE LETHAL LEGION TRIED TO STEAL IT--
BACK IN ASM #847! --NL
"--THE CATALYST HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO EVEN GET NEAR."
THIS IS WHERE TEAMWORK COMES IN, GENTLEMEN.
IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ONE OF YOU...
...BUT ALL WE'LL NEED IS THE RIGHT DISTRACTION.
BLOOP
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA-- WHAT'S THE TEMPERATURE IN HERE?


YOU GUYS KEEP MESSING WITH THE CLIMATE CONTROL--THIS THING IS GONNA OVERHEAT!
DOC CONNORS IS FURIOUS!
AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?!

"THIS WHOLE THING IS ABOUT TO BLOW."
NICE JOB, TOLENTINO.
NOW FOR SLYDE TO USE A PYM PARTICLE GUN LOANED FROM ONE OF OUR BEST CUSTOMERS...
...AND ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO LEAVE A GIFT IN EXCHANGE.
DOC--IS--I'M LOOKING FOR ONE OF YOUR STUDENTS-- JAMIE.
SSSPIDER-MAN? HE--HE WAS JUSSST HERE.
AND THERE WE ARE. A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT UNTIL YOU MAKE YOUR EXIT.
WWWWWWWW
NOW MOVE. FAST!
YOU KNOW WHAT, FELLAS? FORGET I SAID ANYTHING. HE'S COLD-BLOODED ANYWAY. HE'S PROBABLY JUST IMAGINING THINGS--

CRASH
JAMIE! LOOK OUT!
WE'RE BLOWN.
YOU THINK?
SLYDE. BEEN A WHILE, BUT SLIPPERY AS EVER.
THAT'S NO PROBLEM, THOUGH. I CAN HANDLE HIM--
GLOOP
KA-TOOM

--ALONE.
TO BE CONTINUED!

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